

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 25, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nehez at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nehez.

ROLL CALL was read by Ms. Ingrassia. The following officials were present: Mayor Nehez, Councilpersons Nick Magistrelli, Keith Czerr, Jenn Domzalski, Alan Hipps, Renell Noack, and Gary Vojtush. Also present were Law Director Brad Bryan, Fire Chief Jason Buss, and Service Director Jason Walters.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A motion to approve the Minutes from the April 11, 2018 Council Meeting was made by Ms. Noack, seconded by Ms. Domzalski. Mr. Magistrelli, Mr. Czerr, Ms. Domzalski, and Ms. Noack were in favor of approving the Minutes of the April 11, 2018 Council Meeting. Mr. Hipps abstained.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND REMONSTRANCES: None

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

Mayor Jesse Nehez – Mayor Nehez stated he met with Mr. Milstein and the Mayors of Oakwood Village, Walton Hills, and the City of Macedonia regarding ideas to beautify the Route 8 corridor to make the appearance of the corridor more appealing. More meetings will take place.

Finance Director, Tricia Ingrassia – Ms. Ingrassia requested a motion from Council to approve a payment to Warren Fire Equipment in the amount of \$7,270.00. A motion to approve the payment to Warren Fire Equipment in the amount of \$7,270.00 was made by Mr. Hipps, seconded by Ms. Noack. Mr. Vojtush asked the reason for the purchase. Chief Buss stated the money was spent on hoods for the Fire Department from an Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation (BWC) grant. All were in favor of approval of the payment to Warren Fire Equipment, none opposed. The motion was approved. Ms. Ingrassia also requested a motion for retroactive approval of a payment to Warren Fire Equipment for the same grant for the purchase of gloves for the Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$7,828.00. A motion for retroactive approval of payment was made by Ms. Domzalski, seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of retroactively approving this payment to Warren Fire Equipment for \$7,828.00; none were opposed. The motion was adopted.

Engineer, Rich Wasosky – Mr. Wasosky will be in attendance at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Law Director, Brad Bryan – No report.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Department, Chief John Zolgos – Chief Zolgos will be at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Fire Department, Chief Jason Buss – Report attached.

Regarding the hoods and gloves, Chief Buss stated that according to the grant by Ohio BWC, each firefighter is required to have two hoods and two pairs of gloves for cancer prevention.

Regarding the rescue tools, Chief Buss requested a motion from Council to purchase a rescue tool for an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00. A motion to purchase the rescue tool was made by Mr. Vojtush in an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00 and seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of purchasing the rescue tool; none were opposed. The motion was approved.

Service Department, Jason Walters – Mr. Walters stated hot patching has begun, so if there are calls for a specific road, let the Service Department know. Mr. Walters continued that the Department has a pile of salt stored for the upcoming winter. Mr. Walters stated they are transferring equipment from winter to summer. Mr. Walters requested a motion to have trees removed at the Pitluk Preserve in an amount not to exceed \$6,250.00 payable to Nick's Tree Service. A motion to approve the contract with Nick's Tree Service to remove trees at the Pitluk Preserve in an amount not to exceed \$6,250.00 was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Mr. Hipps. All were in favor of approval; none opposed. The motion was approved.

Mr. Walters briefly discussed the traffic situation on Ledge Road during the Phase 2 reconstruction.

REPORTS OF THE MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Planning Commission, Mr. Hipps – No report.

Recreation Board, Mayor Nehez – Mayor Nehez reported the Recreation Board will meet Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers to discuss the garage sale weekend and movie in the park.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee, Mr. Magistrelli – Mr. Magistrelli stated the Finance Committee met, and all items appeared to be in order as usual.

Roads/Public Works, Ms. Domzalski – No report.

Health and Welfare, Mr. Czerr – No Report.

Wages and Working Conditions, Mr. Vojtush – No report.

Fire and Safety, Ms. Noack – Mr. Noack thanked Chief Buss for the touch a truck event that he is planning for the children in June. Ms. Noack requested Chief Buss to elaborate on the event. Chief Buss stated the Touch a Truck event will be held on Saturday, June 9th at 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Chief Buss stated it will be a community open house at the Fire Department. Chief

Buss said there will be demonstrations, trucks for viewing and touching, a coloring contest, and refreshments.

Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Hipps – No report.

LEGISLATION:

2018-29 – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 1280.08 of the Zoning Code Relating to Sign Enforcement (Third Reading). Mayor Nehez stated it is the wish of the President of Council to pass this legislation this evening. Mr. Vojtush stated he thought this would be discussed further in a work session. Mr. Bryan stated the legislation is straightforward in that it streamlines the process for the Building and Zoning Inspector to write sign code violations. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Magistrelli and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of passage; none opposed. The Ordinance was adopted.

2018-30 – An Emergency Ordinance Establishing Section 1268.11 of the Planning and Zoning Code Relating to Car or Truck Rental Establishments (Third Reading). Mr. Bryan explained this legislation would be held for further discussion at a work session. Council scheduled a work session for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2018 to discuss this legislation and the Overlay District.

2018-32 – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a New Collective Bargaining Agreement with the OPBA Relating to the Sergeants and Full and Part Time Patrol Officers (First Reading). Mr. Bryan stated the Police Union voted to accept this Agreement. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule; none opposed. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of passage, none opposed. The Resolution was adopted.

2018-33 – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Aspire Financial Services, LLC to Permit Employee Deferred Compensation Withholdings (First Reading). A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Mr. Czerr. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule; none opposed. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. Ms. Noack asked if only Police Department members were permitted to defer funds to this company or all employees. Mr. Bryan stated any employee may utilize this deferred compensation option. All were in favor of passage; none opposed. The Resolution was adopted.

2018-34 – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 1610.99 of the Village's Fire Prevention Code Relating to Civil Penalties for Violations of the Ohio Fire Code (First Reading). Mr. Bryan stated this piece of legislation should be held for a second reading since Chief Buss and Mr. Bryan are still contemplating some language changes.

OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Nehez stated he is pleased the surrounding communities will be working together to create ways to make the Route 8 corridor more eye-appealing.

Mr. Vojtush thanked the surrounding communities for their support of the recent autism fundraiser.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Domzalski and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of adjournment; none opposed. The Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tricia Ingrassia, Clerk of Council